

## ARRANGE DAY IN WOODS FOR ELKS

Ninth Annual Outing of Antlered Tribe Scheduled to Take Place Sunday, August 1.

### RIVER TRIP TO GROVE IS PLAN

Will Be Held "Rain or Shine," With Brass Band, "Big Eats" and a Program of Sports.

The "invites" for the biggest summer event for Rock Island Elksdom are out and some several hundred male folks are beginning to prepare for it. It is billed as the "ninth annual day in the woods with the Elks."

The invitations say a whole lot about it. The call back to nature describes it as "one of the most delightful annual outings that we all so eagerly look forward to and that the Rock Island Elks just know how to give. A day on the river and in the woods, a day of old clothes and corn-cob pipes, a day of merriment and 'big eats' with music continuously by a big brass band. Everybody always has a good time and we know you will, as this will be the best ever. Meet at the club rooms at 8:30 Sunday morning, Aug. 1. The boat will leave shortly after, rain or shine. Strictly stag."

### Will Charter Boat.

The picnic committee is making arrangements with the plan in mind to charter a boat and go down the river, stopping at some grove along the Mississippi and there eat anchor. After the vessel's human hordes pass on to dry land, there will be a "charge of edibles and refreshments" to follow.

The Elks will broom a goodly portion of the day in the jungles of some island but there will also be a program of sports. The "day in the woods" is always marked with a "tripping" ball game usually between the married and single men, because of the bitter rivalry between these two divisions of the Elks.

Other events not on the program but which will be impromptu will go toward making the event all that the invitations claim for it.

### MATHEVILLE.

The bloomer girls defeated Gilchrist at Gilchrist Saturday by a score of 35 to 19. The Matheville girls have a strong lineup.

John Allen spent Saturday at his home in Rock Island.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Sherrard of Sherrard visited here Sunday.

Charles Cushman was a Rock Island passenger Saturday.

Matheville defeated Burgess at Burgess Saturday by a score of 2 to 0.

Miss Helen Garner of Aledo is working in the telephone office during the illness of Miss Lorraine Gray.

Miss Hazel Lawson was a Sherrard visitor the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schroeder are visiting relatives in Harvey.

James Haddick is now employed at the depot.

Louis Barton made an auto trip to Aledo Tuesday.

Mrs. Sam Langston of Sherrard visited relatives here the first of the week.

Dr. C. M. Marcell has purchased the Kluner garage and has had it moved on his lot. The doctor expects to purchase a new car.

John Haywood of DeWitt, Iowa, visited friends here Wednesday.

Robert Ralsbeck made a trip to Coal Valley the latter part of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Olson have returned home from Minnesota, where they have been the past three months.

Mr. and Mrs. Gust Johnson of Sherrard visited here Sunday.

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## NEW GERMAN GASES ARE DEADLIER AND QUICKER THAN EVER



Top, Russian Red Cross nurses tending "gassed" Russians brought in direct from trenches on stretchers; below, paraphernalia designed to protect against gas bombs.

London, July 24.—The Red Cross society learns that the gases which the Germans are now employing on the Russian front are denser, deadlier and quicker in their action than heretofore, says Reuter's Petrograd correspondent. "Numerous deaths from gases are reported. Respirators are generally ineffective."

"I much regret," says Field Marshal French in his official report, "that during the period under report the fighting has been characterized on the enemy's side by cynical and barbarous disregard of the well known usages of civilized war and by flagrant disregard of The Hague convention."

"All the scientific resources of Germany apparently have been brought into play to produce a gas of so virulent and poisonous a nature that any human being brought in contact with it is first paralyzed and then meets with a lingering and agonizing death."

"The brain power and thought which evidently have been at work before this unworthy method of making war reached the pitch of efficiency which has been demonstrated in its practice shows that the Germans must have harbored these designs for a long time."

"As a soldier I cannot help expressing the deepest regret and some surprise that an army which has hitherto claimed to be the chief exponent of the chivalry of war should have stooped to employ such devices against brave and gallant foes."

A London correspondent gives the following account of the experiences where gas was used in Russia:

Choking for Air.

"When gray morning came a wagon rumbled across the fields toward us."

and Gust Jafvert and daughter, Mrs. Art Bolander of Mounmouth spent Saturday at the Aired Jafvert home.

Mr. and Mrs. James Purvis and daughter of Silvio were Sunday visitors here.

Mrs. James Haddick, Mrs. Charles Zude, Mrs. Nellie Menir and Mrs. Ed Watson spent Friday in Sherrard.

Concrete walks have been laid on the north side of Main street and are a big improvement to the town.

William Litch of Cable was here on business Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Holgate were Rock Island passengers Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Roquet and son were in Sherrard Sunday.

Gust Engstrom and Mike Burns were in Rock Island Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Harris of Rock Island and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Beattie of Woodhull were visitors here Sunday.

Mr. Bergreen of Rock Island visited the past week with Wallie Gustafson.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Adams have gone to California for an extended visit with Mr. Adams' brother, whom he has not seen for 60 years.

Mrs. Clyde Lawson and Miss Hazel Lawson were Aledo passengers Monday.

Miss Ottilie Pearson of Cable was a visitor here Monday.

George Nichols of Cuba is visiting here.

A large number from here went to Rock Island Monday, where the Masons of Mercer county gave a boat excursion to Clinton, Iowa.



There were five men in it all choking for air. It was not a pleasant sight, but it was nothing to what I was to see that day, for other wagons came in with their pitiful loads—the sad harvest of the dead and wounded. In one cart three men were already past all human aid. Beside them three soldiers coughed and gasped for life.

"The sandy space between the tents in our camp was soon covered with stretchers. The sound of coughing and gasping and wheezing breathing filled the air. Some men died in awful agony. And amongst the sick, now went Red Cross sisters and doctors and peasant folk from the neighboring cottages."

"These peasants—men and women and little children—did all they could to help the struggling men. They carried water to them, and milk, and bathed their burning brows and put wet cloths around their heads."

"It was a charming note in the tragedy to find little girls of 7 and 8 attending to the big fine men whose once strong bodies were twisted and weak with the poisonous fumes of the German bombs."

"At times there was a tremendous demand for stretchers, and in one corner near a tent I found a man busily repairing the stretchers which had received damage while in use."

## DAY IN DAVENPORT

Street Car Catches Fire: No One Hurt.—Short-circuit in the motor of Mr. Ida car No. 451, caused a fire at 12:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, which damaged the floor of the car directly over the motor. No one was injured. When the car reached the intersection of Second and Scott streets, eastward bound, the short-circuit developed and blue sparks started to fly from beneath the car. The floor soon caught fire and then the 30 passengers on board the car left. There was no panic and none were hurt. The conductor of the car attempted to extinguish the blaze with a broom from the interior of the car without removing the trolley. A bystander suggested that he break the connection and the flames from beneath the car were checked. The burning floor and seats were extinguished by chemicals from the fire chief's car.

Circus Hangers On are Pinched.—Circus suspects, hoboes and others were arrested by the police yesterday and will be held at the county jail for a few days. A total of 22 were arrested by Officers House, Bishop, Bryant, Wittrock and Mueller. All those arrested were given five days in jail and will be held over Sunday. Most of the men arrested are hoboes and laborers, some of them claiming to be in search of employment. Several negroes were numbered among those arrested, and there was also one Mexican and a few foreigners. The yards of the west end and other places of seclusion for the army of unemployed were searched throughout the night for any who did not show a lawful occupation.

Old Melodies on Pioneer Program.—The program for the annual picnic of the German-American Pioneer society to be held Aug. 11 completed yesterday by the arrangements committee includes a number of old melodies and popular songs which were in vogue in the Fatherland over 60 years ago. Among these are "An der Elben Donau," "Ach Gott, Mein Leber Johann," "Wien ich so Meinen Kinde Geh," and "Zu Lauterbach Hab' Ich Mein's Strumpf Verloren."

Man Threatened to Shoot Child.—Marie Hubbe, aged 13, 310 East Twelfth street ran into police headquarters yesterday and told Sergeant Homyer a man was chasing her about the downtown streets. She said he was a middle-aged man and gave the sergeant a good description of him. The girl claimed that the man had accosted her at Fifth and Ripley streets and asked her to accompany him. Refusing the request he threatened to shoot her, she said. The girl also saw a woman in the neighborhood whom the man also accosted. When she resented his attentions and started down the street, she said, the man started after her. Fearing to call for help she finally went into police headquarters and the man continued his course down the street.

F. R. Marsh Will Marry Next Week.—Assistant Secretary F. Raymond Marsh of the Commercial club is to be married next week, according to word received by his friends here.

Mr. Marsh has been with the Davenport Commercial club for over three years. Previous to that time he was with the Tri-City Railway company. Mr. Marsh is a graduate of Yale university and met his fiancée during his college days. The name of the future Mrs. Marsh, who lives near New York, could not be learned today.

Davenport Gets 1916 Convention.—The annual convention of the county clerks, sheriffs and recorders of the state will take place in Davenport in the year 1916, the local officers securing the meeting at the Clear Lake convention, just concluded. Cedar Rapids, Muscatine and Spirit Lake were in opposition to Davenport for the meeting, and even Clear Lake asked a return of the county officers. The vote was overwhelmingly in favor of Davenport as the convention city, and upon motion the choice was made unanimous. The convention closed Thursday noon after three days' session. County Clerk Emil F. Schroeder, Recorder Holm and Sheriff Eckhardt returned to Davenport Thursday night from the convention town. An attempt will be made to secure the state meeting of the county supervisors, treasurers and auditors of Iowa for Davenport next year at the same time that the clerks and recorders are in session here. This effort will be made at the convention this year, which takes place at Des Moines. About 200 attended the association meeting of the sheriffs, clerks and recorders at Clear Lake this year.

Mrs. Kelly Seeks Rights Through Courts.—A delicate complication has arisen in the election of supreme banker of the Woodmen Circle, now in annual convention at St. Paul. Mrs. Ida M. Kelly of Davenport, who has held the office for some time, was up for reelection. She had a disagreement with some of the supreme officers and an effort was made to defeat her. The balloting resulted 32 to 31 in favor of Mrs. Kelly. The vote was announced by Emma B. Manchester, supreme guardian of the order, and Mrs. Kelly made a speech thanking the convention for the honor. Mrs. De Bolt, her opponent, also congratulated her. At this stage one of the tellers claimed to have discovered a blank ballot. The chair stated every one should vote and the teller moved that another ballot should be taken. Thirty-five voted in favor of taking another ballot. The result of the second ballot was 32 for Mrs. De Bolt and 31 for Mrs. Kelly. The supreme guardian declared Mrs. De Bolt elected. Mrs. Kelly claimed the election and through her attorney took the matter in the district court. Judge W. L. Kelly signed an order requiring Mrs. Manchester, supreme guardian, and Mrs. Nora De Bolt to show cause why Mrs. De Bolt should not be restrained from acting as banker of the organization. The affair has caused a real sensation and much discussion. Mrs. Kelly's friends are indignant at the treatment she has received and the movement to unseat her after being legally elected. Mrs. Kelly has for years been one of the leading workers and most influential mem-

## COAL PRODUCTION IS NEAR AVERAGE

Average Decline in Price for Output in Illinois Last Year But 2 Cents a Ton.

Despite some strikes and other rather unfavorable conditions in 1914, the production of coal for Illinois during the year was 57,589,197 short tons, valued at \$64,693,529, according to figures compiled by the United States geological survey in cooperation with the state geological survey of Illinois. This tonnage is well up with the figures of the years of largest production in Illinois. The supply of labor was plentiful and transportation facilities were adequate throughout the year except during the biennial shut-down, which has now become a regular incident of the spring months of the "even" year in Illinois coal mining, which began as usual on April 1, 1914, and lasted in certain districts from 30 to 60 days.

An increase in value per ton was recorded in nearly one-third of the coal-producing counties in Illinois during 1914, but the average value per ton for the state declined slightly—from \$1.14 in 1913 to \$1.12 in 1914.

There are more coal-mining counties in Illinois than in any other state in the union, half of the 102 counties being or having been producers. The two most important producing counties are in the southern part of the state, where the coal beds attain a greater thickness than in the northern districts. The principal increase in the coal production of Illinois in 1914 was in Franklin county, where a large amount of development has taken place during the last four years, advancing the county from eighth place in 1910 to first in 1914. In 1914 this county produced 7,311,209 tons of coal, an increase over 1913 of 1,229,107 tons, or over 16 per cent.

The increased efficiency in the labor employed in the coal mines of Illinois continued in 1914 and was due chiefly to the larger production obtained by the use of mining machinery. In 1914 the average production per man in the Illinois coal mines was 724 tons for the year and 4.2 tons for each working day, against 775 tons for the year and 4.1 tons for each day in 1913. The quantity of coal mined by machines increased from 32,639,555 tons, or 53 per cent of the total, in 1913, to 32,649,528 tons, or 56 per cent, in 1914. It is gratifying to note the corresponding decrease in the coal shot off the solid. In 1912 the quantity of coal thus mined by powder in the mines of Illinois was 25,126,949 tons, or 40 per cent of the total; in 1913 that item amounted to 20,469,129 tons, or 38 per cent of the total, and in 1914 it amounted to 18,362,246 tons, or 32 per cent of the total.

bers of the order. She has been supreme banker for many years and has attended all the supreme grove conventions since the beginning of the order. Hearing on the temporary injunction will be held Monday.

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## VIENNA ULTIMATUM SENT ONE YEAR AGO

Paris, July 24.—One year ago yesterday the Austrian ultimatum to Serbia, which led up to the war, was delivered. The French press commemorates the anniversary with articles voicing the resolution of France and her allies to carry on the war unswervingly. The Matin says: "Germany has reached the point of wishing to crush by diplomacy, if not by force, nations unwilling to accept her yoke. She was completely carried away by the desire of domination."

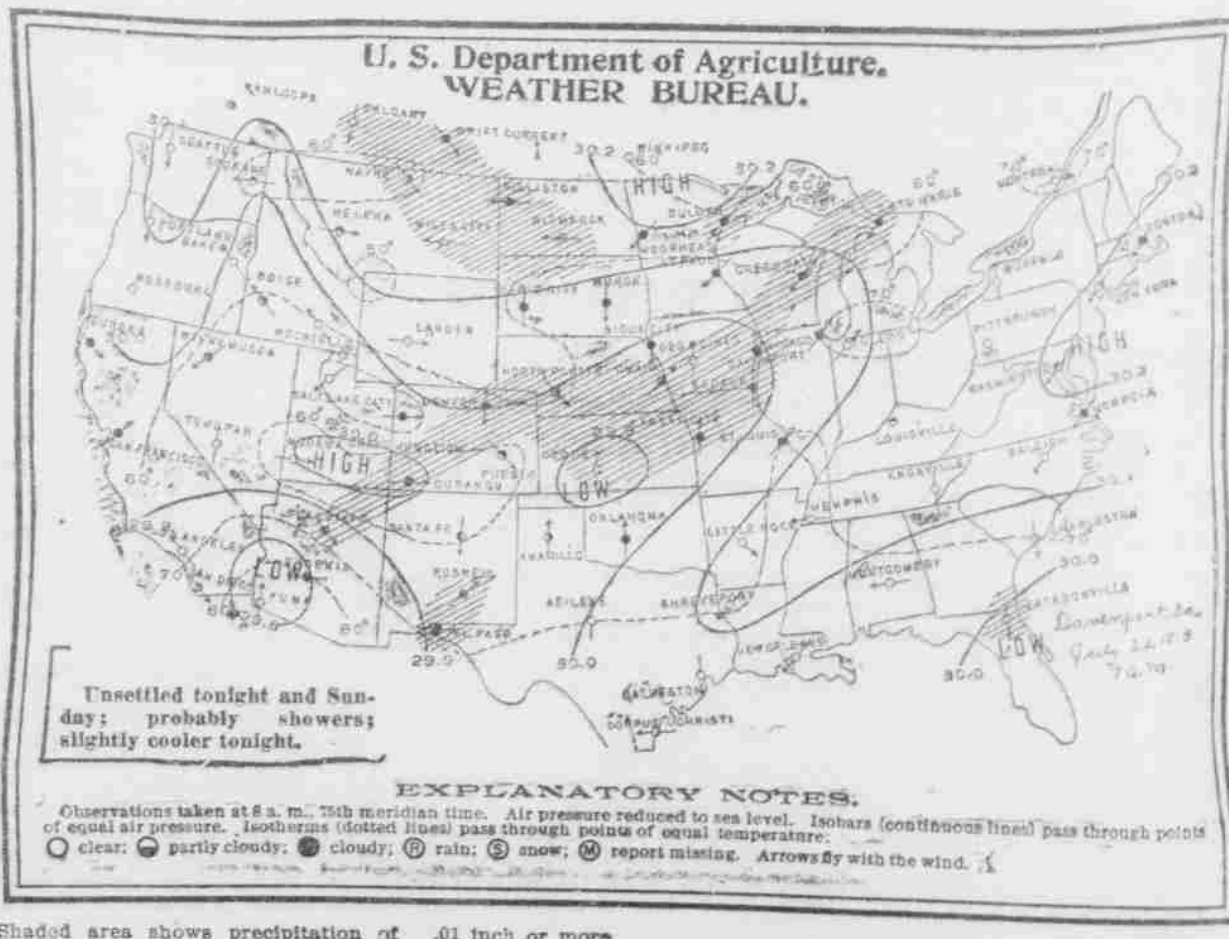
as well as the mania which led her to believe she could not exist without uncontested superiority in Europe." Alfred Capus, the dramatist, writes in Figaro: "France did not show the least hesitation, the least doubt about the danger which menaced her, nor in regard to the enemy's design. Rarely has a nation had more prompt or clear vision of her destiny. In a few hours she took stock of herself, accepted the German challenge and swore to conquer."

All the news all the time—The Argus.

THE POOR LITTLE MOUSE LOOKS HUNGRY. I WONDER IF HE HAS TIME TO STOP AND HAVE TEA WITH US.

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## Daily United States Weather Map



WEATHER OBSERVATIONS.			
The western and southwestern areas of low pressure which now show separate centers over Kansas and Arizona have been attended by showers and thunderstorms from the coast of the Rockies to the upper Mississippi valley and the upper lakes, with a rainfall of 1.15 inches at Kansas City. The pressure is highest on the middle Atlantic and New England coasts and in the valley of the Red River of the North and lower temperatures are reported from Manitoba and Minnesota. On account of the low air pressure to the southwestward and the presence of the northwestern high, unsettled			
OBSERVATIONS.			
	High.	Low.	Pres.
Boston	79	69	.00
Buffalo	74	62	.00
Davenport	82	65	.11
Denver	88	58	.01
Jacksonville	82	72	.20
Kansas City	84	66	1.16
New Orleans	88	74	.00
New York	78	62	.00
Norfolk	74	65	.00
Phoenix	92	80	.00
St. Louis	82	68	.00
weather is indicated for this vicinity tonight and Sunday, with probably showers, and with somewhat cooler tonight.			
ST. PAUL			
St. Paul	68	58	.00
San Diego	76	65	.00
San Francisco	64	52	.00
Seattle	78	65	.00
Washington	80	60	.00
Winnipeg	68	42	.00
Yellowstone	78	42	.00
DAILY RIVER BULLETIN.			
Flood stage. Hgt. Chgs.			
St. Paul	14	9.4	-.01
Reeds Landing	12	6.4	-.02
Prairie du Chien	18	7.8	+0.3
DAVENPORT	15	6.6	0.0
St. Louis	13	11.0	-.02
Memphis	35	29.2	-.01
New Orleans	18	14.8	-.01
J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.			

## Campbell's Island Sunday July 25

Balloon ascension and parachute leap by Ed Dalton, the world's greatest balloonist.

Band concert from 2 p. m. to 6 p. m. by the Plow City Colored Band, accompanied by the Sunny South Jubilee Singers.

Don't fail to hear these artists. Admission to the grounds, 10c, children free.

## Big Dance Sunday Night